

8th EMS General Assembly
3 September 2006, Ljubljana,
Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia

Minutes approved by the 9th EMS General Assembly, 30 September 2007

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Representatives of EMS Societies are underlined; 17 were present, 10 constitute a quorum.

Minutes: Martina Junge, Executive Secretary

Duration of meeting: 3 September 2006 (14:00 – 16:00)

1. Opening of session

The President, David Burridge, opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. This was followed by a one minute silence, observed in memory of Renato Carvalho who died in the spring. Renato had been the EMS Council member for APMG Portugal. David Burridge thanked Tanja Cegnar and the Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for hosting and organising this meeting.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda was accepted as proposed (see Annex I).

3. Acceptance of Minutes of the 7th Session of the EMS General Assembly

The Minutes of the 7th General Assembly (11 September 2005 in Utrecht, The Netherlands) has been accepted. 17:0:0 (acceptance:17-rejection:0-abstention:0). (see Annex II)

4. Reports of Bureau and Secretariat

4.1 The President reported that two societies, the Associació de Meteorologia i Ciències de l'Atmosfera D'Andorra (A.M.A.C.A.) and the meteorological section of the Polish Geophysical Society, have joined the EMS and three national weather services, the Insituto Naciaonal de Meteorolgia (Spain), the National Meteorological Administration (Romania) and the Finnish Meteorological Institute have become EMS Associate Member.

With regard to the precarious financial situation of EMS he noted that an increase of Membership Fees would be discussed under item 6.1 on the agenda. Furthermore, he informed the General Assembly that a Strategy Implementation group had been established by the Council.

4.2 The reports of the Vice-Presidents focussed on attracting new member societies (Raino Heino), the working of the EMS Secretariat in Berlin (Werner Wehry) and the AMS Annual Meeting and the EWOC meeting (Tomas Halenka).

4.3 The report of the Executive Secretary stressed that 70% of the work load is related to the preparation of the EMS Annual Meeting. In addition to administration and the preparation for Council Meetings and General Assemblies, support had been given to the Publications and Awards Committee.

The General Assembly approved the Bureau report for the period September 2005 – September 2006 (resolution G54:17-0-0).

5. Financial report including audit 2004 and 2005

The financial situation of EMS has improved during the last year, owing to the net profit from the EMS Annual Meeting and ECAM, 2005. The income from membership fees fell short of the budget by more than 4000 Euro (paper 6).

The Audit 2004 and 2005 have been carried out by Mr. Lucas (Berlin). The auditor had only minor comments - requesting clearer evidence of EMS mission for travels paid for by EMS and a timely presentation of the settlement for the EMS Annual Meeting in order to include this result in the audit of the appropriate calendar year.

For the presentation of the Financial Accounts and the Audit of 2006 the treasurer was asked to show the correlation between the audit (that only takes into account the items on the bank account in the calendar year) and the Financial Accounts that additionally take into account items relating to 2006 but only being paid or spent in 2007.

This General Assembly approved the Audit for the year 2004 (Resolution G55: 16-0-1).

This General Assembly approved the Financial Report 2005 of the Treasurer (Resolution G56:16-0-1)

6. Finance

6.1 Increase Annual Membership Fee

The Council has proposed to Increase the EMS Annual Membership Fee in line with inflation in Europe. This proposal was distributed to Member Societies in June for consideration (Annex III).

The General Assembly decided that:

“AS OF 1 JANUARY 2007, THE MEMBERSHIP FEES BE INCREASED ANNUALLY IN LINE WITH INFLATION IN EUROPE AND THE INCREASE WILL BE BASED ON THE DATA AVAILABLE IN THE *HARMONISED INDEX OF CONSUMER PRICES* PUBLISHED BY EUROSTAT.” (Resolution G57:16-0-1):

6.2 Financial Prospects until 2008

The treasurer presented the budget (attached in Annex IV) for the remainder of 2006 and for 2007 (paper 8), including changes that the Council had decided on its 15th Council session:

1. The funds allocated to all Committees were reduced by 500 Euro to 1500 Euro per Committee and the resulting 2500 Euro saving to be added to the travel item.
2. To ensure a balanced budget the expected income from the EMS Annual Meeting has been increased to 9000 Euro.

6.3 Appointment of the Auditor

This General Assembly appointed Frank Lucas as the auditor for 2006 (G58:17-0-0)

7. EMS Committees – reports

7.1 Accreditation

The new Chairman, Howard Lyne (RmetS, UK), has taken over after David Axford retired from this post at the spring council (see minutes 14th Council Meeting). He noted that since accreditation is primarily a national matter, the role of the EMS is likely to be limited to giving advice and making recommendations to its member societies. A possible exception is the accreditation or certification of forecasters for civil aviation. This arises from two sources: the adoption of the guidelines in WMO 258 by ICAO as the required standard for forecasters for international civil aviation, and the implementation of the regulations concerning the Single European Sky (SES) within the European Union. These could require the establishment of some form of European certification in which the EMS would play a part.

7.2 Awards

The amount that will be spent on Awards by the end of the year is 5600 Euro (of the 6000 Euro allocated). Of the agreed YSTAs, those for the Eumetsat- conference in Helsinki and the EWOC conference in Boulder were not awarded due to a lack of applicants. Instead one additional YSTA (300 €) was awarded for the Mountain Met Conference (Santa Fe). COST financed three additional YSTAs and one YSA, so that 7 YSTAs and 2 YSA could be awarded at the EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC conference in Ljubljana. In addition, as last year, Kipp&Zonen awarded one YSA for Boundary Layer Meteorology.

International Weather Forum (FIM) - due to legal issues concerning the dedication of FIM, the Media Award and trophies can not be given this year.

For 2007, ten Young Scientist Travel Awards (YSTA) and one Young Scientist Award (YSA) have been proposed (see paper 14).

In the discussion it was suggested that an award for the best poster presentation at the EMS Annual Meeting be introduced. The Awards committee is asked to incorporate this suggestion in a paper on the future policy on EMS Awards and present this at the spring EMS Council.

7.3 Education

The Chairman reported on his activities related to the preparation of the "Education Session" at EMS6, new collaboration with the ACCENT project (FP6 Network of Excellence on the composition of the atmosphere that also considers educational aspects), participation at the EWOC conference in Boulder (USA) and new developments of ECTOM2.

EWOC: Prague has applied to hold the EWOC meeting 2009, and has now been selected.

ECTOM2: the catalogue on training opportunities in Europe is now available, but problems exist in actually filling the data base and the societies are asked to provide the chairman with local contact points.

7.4 Media

The Media Committee has prepared a CD with presentations of the Media Session at EMS5 which is available for everybody interested. The main activity of the Media Committee, and in particular the Chairperson (Tanja Cegnar), has been the preparation of the Media session at the 6th EMS Annual Meeting, which had a new concept this year and also attracted interest from the UK Embassy in Slovenia, who is financing simultaneous translation for that session. In collaboration with WMO a press release for the EMS6 and ECAC6 has been formulated.

The Media Committee chairs invite ALL EMS Societies to nominate interested, active new members to give fresh impetus to the work of the committee.

7.5 Publication

The Chairman reported on the experiences in publishing the 9th edition of the EMS Newsletter and pointed out the problems in securing contributions. He asked all representatives to provide news about their societies. On the future policy he reported that henceforth the EMS Annual Report will be published as spring edition of the Newsletter.

A concept for a re-launch of the EMS web site has been developed by the Executive Secretary. The Web site will be considered as an online dynamic newsletter, the main point of information and discussion for all members and associate members, so some urgency is placed on its implementation. In order to develop the contents of the web site more man and woman power is required and the chairman INVITED NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

8. Membership

8.1 New Member Societies

Two Societies have applied for EMS Membership since the last General Assembly in 2005: the Associació de Meteorologia i Ciències de l'Atmosfera D'Andorra (AMACA) and the Meteorological Section of the Polish Geophysical Society (PTG). Both societies have been welcomed by the Council as new EMS Members (Council resolutions C94 and C95). Two representatives of AMACA were present at the General Assembly and gave a short overview of AMACA's activities (which was translated from Spanish into English by Eva Oriol-Pibernat).

The General Assembly welcomed both Societies as new EMS Members (Resolutions G59 and G60).

8.2 New Associate Members

Since the last General Assembly in 2005, three national weather services, the Instituto Nacional de Meteorología (Spain), the National Meteorological Administration (Romania) and the Finnish Meteorological Institute, have applied for Associate Membership and have been welcomed by the EMS Council to join the EMS. The General Assembly welcomed the three organisations as EMS Associate Members (Resolutions G61, G62 and G63).

The Hungarian Weather Service (OMSZ) through its director Zoltan Dunkel has declared its intention to apply for EMS Associate Membership, and was awaiting approval by the National Ministry. At the General Assembly Sandór Szalai reported that the approval by the Ministry had been given.

It is noted that not only national but also regional weather services are welcome to join the EMS as Associated Members.

9. Election of Council members

The term of four council members, Rasmus Benestad (FM, Norway), Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia), Heleen ter Pelkwijk (NVBM, the Netherlands) and Raino Heino (GS, Finland) has ended and the President thanked all four for their enthusiastic and dedicated work on the Council and the initiative they have shown in taking forward the EMS strategic goals.

Paper 18 outlines the proposal of the EMS Council for the future composition of the Council: It is suggested that a "seat" is kept vacant for a representative from APMG for the time being – with the possibility of appointing a new APMG Councillor through a vote-by-correspondence or at the General Assembly in 2007. As a "back-up", it is suggested that the General Assembly should agree to continue Rasmus Benestad's membership if no proposal from APMG materialises.

The General Assembly followed this proposal (Resolutions 64, 65, 66, 67) (vote:15-0-2) and the Council Composition henceforth is:

Vittorio Marletto (AIAM for UNIMET Italy)
Vesna Petkovic, (MDS, Serbia)
Heleen ter Pelkwijk (NVBM, The Netherlands)

A representative from APMG, Portugal, or Rasmus Benestad, (FM, Norway)
Tomas Halenka, (CMeS, Czech Republic, also Vice President and Treasurer)
Raino Heino, (GS, Finland, also Vice President)

René Morin informed the President that he will retire from the Council. The EMS President, David Burridge, thanked René for all he has done for EMS: René has been the founding father - and mother of the EMS, has acted as its first President and continued to drive forward the work of EMS with great enthusiasm and commitment as both a Vice President and a Councillor. In closing, David Burridge thanked him especially for his sense of humour and friendship.

René Morin informed this General Assembly that the SMF has nominated Claude Pastre as their representative at the EMS Council and the General Assembly welcomed Claude Pastre as a Councillor (Resolution G68).

10. EMS Annual Meetings

The Executive Secretary reported on the preparation of the EMS/ECAC meeting 2006 and the EMS/ECAM meeting 2007. (paper 12).

For the EMS/ECAC meeting 2006 more than 400 participants are expected, 310 oral presentations and 260 poster presentations are scheduled in 25 sessions, 12 exhibitors have rented exhibition booths. An Icebreaker party is scheduled for Monday and a conference dinner for Wednesday.

A preparatory meeting for the EMS/ECAM meeting 2007 (1-5 October 2007 in El Escorial, Spain) is scheduled to take place during the conference week in Ljubljana, with representations from EMS, INM, AME, ECAM, ECAC.

11. Activities of EMS Member Societies

No reports of member societies have been put forward.

12. Miscellaneous

No items.

13. Time and place of next General Assembly: 30 September 2007, Madrid- El Escorial. The Council Meeting will take place in the morning, the General Assembly in the afternoon.

Annexes

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Annex I:

EMS General Assembly, 8th Session, Ljubljana, 3 September 2006
Paper No. 1
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**8th EMS General Assembly
Ljubljana, 3 September 2006**

Proposed Agenda (of 30 August 2006)

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 7th EMS General Assembly
4. Reports of Bureau and Secretariat, including approval
5. Financial Report, including Audit 2004 and Audit 2005 and approval
6. Finance
 - 6.1. Increase Annual Membership Fee
 - 6.2. Prospects until 2008
 - 6.3. Appointment of the auditor for 2006
7. Reports of EMS Committees
 - 7.1. Accreditation (Howard Lyne)
 - 7.2. Awards (Werner Wehry)
 - 7.3. Education (Tomáš Halenka)
 - 7.4. Media (Tanja Cegnar)
 - 7.5. Publications (Bob Riddaway)
8. Membership
 - 8.1. New Member Societies
 - 8.2. New Associate Members
9. Election of Councillors
10. EMS Annual Meetings
11. Activities of EMS Member Societies
12. Miscellaneous
13. Date and place of 9th General Assembly - 30 September 2007, El Escorial

Annex II:

Minutes of 7th General Assembly

**7th EMS General Assembly
De Bilt, Netherlands, 11 September 2005**

Minutes

approved by the 8th General Assembly, 3 September 2006, Ljubljana

Notes. A.: All votes are denoted as (x/y/z) wherein x is the number of votes cast in favour, y is the number cast against a point voted upon and z is the number of abstentions. All Resolutions are annexed as Appendix B.

B: The quorum of 10 Members present was met; in fact in the beginning 11 (with a gradual increase towards 14) representatives of Meteorological Societies and 4 observers and guests participated.

Present:

Entitled to vote

Rasmus Benestad (FM, Oslo), Peter Binder (SGM, Switzerland), Constanta Boroneant (SMR, Bucharest), David Burridge (EMS President, RMetS, Bracknell), Renato Carvalho (APMG, Lisbon [from 14:30]), Tanja Cegnar (EMS Meetings Committee, SMD, Ljubljana), Tomas Halenka (EMS Vice President and Treasurer from autumn 2005 on, EMS Education Committee, CeMS, Prague), Raino Heino (EMS Vice President, Societies from Finland, Helsinki), Seijo Kruizinga (NVBM, Netherlands), Branislava Lalić (SMD, Beograd), René Morin (EMS Vice President for the report period, EMS Past President, SMF, Paris), Artemis Orphanou (CY.MET.A, Larnaca [from 15:45]), Asunción Pastor (Societies from Spain, Madrid), Fulvio Stel (Societies from Italy, Visco, UD [from 14:45]), Werner Wehry (EMS President for the report period, EMS Vice President and Immediate Past President from autumn 2005 on, EMS Awards Committee, DMG, Berlin)

Observers/Guests

David Axford (EMS Vice President and Treasurer for the report period, EMS Accreditation Committee, RMetS, Bracknell), Dario Giaiotti (UMFVG, Visco, UD [from 14:45]), Hans Richner (SGM, Switzerland), Bob Riddaway (EMS Publications Committee, RMetS, Bracknell)

In attendance: Arne Spekat (EMS Executive Secretary, Berlin)

Beginning: 14:10 End: 17:35

1. Welcome

Owing to the fact that David Burridge was elected as the new EMS President in the Council Meeting that preceded this General Assembly he was entitled to chair the 7th

General Assembly. He designated his successor and Immediate Past President, Werner Wehry as Chair of the Assembly. Werner Wehry chaired and formally opened the 7th EMS General Assembly at 14:10. He thanked KNMI for hosting the EMS General Assembly, as well as the Council Meeting that took place immediately before the General Assembly, at their headquarters. The welcome address was followed by brief introductions of the participants.

The General Assembly furthermore thanked the outgoing EMS President, Werner Wehry who now is the Immediate Past President and one of the EMS Vice Presidents, for all his activities and energy he put into the work of EMS.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda for the 7th General Assembly was adopted by a vote of (11/0/0); it is annexed as Appendix A.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 6th General Assembly

The Minutes of the 6th General Assembly in Nice were accepted by a vote of (11/0/0).

4. Reports of the EMS Bureau and Secretariat

The EMS Bureau and the EMS Executive Secretary reported about activities since the last General Assembly. The designations *President*, *Treasurer* etc. are assigned with respect to the function during the preceding year for which the activities were reported.

The EMS President, Werner Wehry, reported about his work for the EMS Awards Committee. One further item of particular interest was the EMS Annual Meetings series where continuous effort needs to be made to maintain good contacts with the American Meteorological Societies, with existing conferences and, overall, with respect to the harmonization of conference dates. It was pointed out by the General Assembly that the prevention of overlap with other conferences is particularly important.

The EMS Past President, René Morin, reported about his contacts with the new Director of the Italian Weather Service – towards an Associate Membership of that Service. He was furthermore active in the work of the EMS Awards Committee and with respect to the activities of the EMS Media Committee.

The EMS Treasurer, David Axford, reported about his activities with respect to accreditation. As treasurer, he reported that the audit for 2004 will take place shortly after the Annual Meeting. It was pointed out the audit should be carried out earlier in the year, to be available at the General Assembly.

The EMS Vice President, Raino Heino, reported about his work and contacts, e.g., with the Nordic Societies and the ECAC Advisory Board.

The EMS Executive Secretary, Arne Spekat, reported about his administrative and scientific activities. The former consist mostly of communication, bookkeeping and web mastering, as well as being the Secretary for several EMS Committees. The latter include working for the EMS Meetings Committee, i.e., the direct involvement in the organization of the EMS Annual Meeting, numerous contacts with the Copernicus Organization as well as the local co-organizers at KNMI, the selection of conveners and session chairs and the work in steering bodies of part and partner conferences. Furthermore, he is chairing one session and gives a lecture at the 5th EMS Annual Meeting. Other scientific activities include the work for the Education and the Media Committee. With respect to the Annual Report of EMS, he reported that due to the work in preparation of the 5th Annual Meeting unfortunately there was not sufficient time to produce the documents but he has developed a strategy to collect and edit the necessary documents.

The EMS President thanked the EMS Executive Secretary for his work.

5. Approval of the activities of the Bureau (Clearance)

Since the audit for 2004 was not done, a formal clearance for 2004 was postponed until the General Assembly in 2006. However, the reports were approved and Resolution G43 was voted (7/0/4).

6. Activity reports of the EMS Committee Chairs

Accreditation: The Chair, David Axford, reported the the scheme for Chartered Meteorologists which is now accepted Europe-wide, goes forward. Information has been distributed by RmetS and further details can be found on the RmetS web site.

Awards: The Chair, Werner Wehry, reported about the Award Committee's activities, explained the criteria for evaluating the candidates and briefly described the distribution of the available Award money among numerous conferences. To the experience of the Awards Committee, seeking appreciation and seeking additional travel funding are the main motivations of the applicants. The Awards Committee Chair was asked to draft a document in which the principles for the selection of conferences at which EMS Awards should be given as well as the criteria for the selection of candidates should be described.

Education: The Chair, Tomas Halenka, reported about the activities of the Education Committee and the preparations for an education session at the 5th Annual Meeting in Utrecht. Werner Wehry gave additional information on the rapid changes in the University systems of European countries and suggested that an update of the ECTOM data base (European Catalog of Training Opportunities) might be needed to postpone until a more stable state has been reached. He also reported about the preparations for the EWOC Conference in Boulder, Colorado in 2006. Although it is rather costly to bring participants to Boulder, at least some support in the form of Travel Awards is given. Maybe one representative of the Education Committee can be present in Boulder, too.

Media: The Chair, Tanja Cegnar, reported about her activities with respect to improved networking. To further this endeavour she asked for more Committee Member nominations by the Meteorological Societies. In the time before the 5th Annual Meeting she had produced a CD which contains the lectures from the Media Session at the 4th Annual Meeting in Nice. It is intended to be distributed at the booth of EMS at the Annual Meeting.

Meetings: On behalf of the Meetings Committee, the EMS Executive Secretary reported about the wide array of activities and responsibilities. Since 2004, the EMS Annual Meetings have become substantially larger in scope. From the preliminary figures for the Annual Meeting 2005, an increase of about 15% in the number of presentations and participants over those of the Annual Meeting 2004 will be possible. He furthermore pointed out the ongoing synergy which comes through the co-operation with the COST Programme of the European Science Foundation: As in the previous year, a sizeable number of scientist from COST Actions had submitted papers to the 5th Annual Meeting's sessions, COST used the opportunity to hold group meetings of several of its Actions, as well as a Meeting of its Technical Committee. Many participants' travel expenses were covered by COST, enlarging the actual number of participants in the Annual Meeting which otherwise might not have been able to attend. The 6th EMS Annual Meeting is under preparation. It will take place 3-7 September 2006 in Ljubljana (Slovenia). Part and partner in 2005 will be the 6th ECAC Conference. As in 2004 and 2005, EMS co-operates with Copernicus Society on organizational matters. Furthermore, contacts have been established with the Spanish Meteorological Societies and the Spanish Weather Service with the aim of having the 7th EMS Annual Meeting in Spain.

Publications: The Chair, Bob Riddaway, reported about the useful discussion at the EMS Council Meeting that took place immediately before the General Assembly. It was concluded that the EMS Newsletter should continue in a web and a print version. He asked all Societies to supply news and other noteworthy details to him. As to an EMS journal he reported about the necessity to identify a niche and a need for such a publication. Starting a journal is a risky and expensive undertaking, although it should be underlined that the standing as well as the visibility of the EMS would benefit; furthermore a journal might prove to be source of revenue, eventually. The EMS Executive Secretary added that he had prepared a survey of all publication made by the EMS Members. It is available on the EMS web site.

7. Membership

7.1 Welcome of new EMS Members

In the past year, two new Member Societies joined EMS: The Cyprus Meteorological Association and Geofyysikkojen Liitto (Finnish Association of Geophysics). The EMS passed Resolution C44 with respect to CY.MET.A (14/0/0) and Resolution C45 with respect to Geofyysikkojen Liitto (14/0/0). With respect to the Societies from Finland it

was pointed out that, comparable to Italy and Spain, the Societies are asked to designate for the EMS General Assembly (and, if applicable, the EMS Council) one representative who is authorized to vote on behalf of them.

7.2 Welcome of Associate Members

Since the last General Assembly, the companies MODEM (France), Campbell Scientific (United Kingdom) and Dégreane Horizon (France) have become Associate Members. Resolution G46 was voted (14/0/0), Resolution G47 was voted (14/0/0) and Resolution G48 was voted (14/0/0) and thus all three new Associate Members have been formally welcomed. They will have observer status at the General Assembly and the EMS Council (in the latter as members of the group of manufacturers). The application process for the Romanian National Meteorological Institute is ongoing.

8. Finances

a) Report of the Treasurer

The EMS Treasurer, David Axford, presented his financial report. He mentioned that the 2004 audit which is necessary to acknowledge EMS' activity as a public charity and a to obtain a recommendation for sustained tax-favoured status was not available at the time of the General Assembly. This audit was foreseen to be carried out at the EMS Secretariat in October 2005. The Treasurer's report was approved and Resolution G49 was voted (14/0/0). Furthermore it was necessary to appoint an auditor for the next year. Resolution G50 was voted (14/0/0), confirming the current auditor.

b) Prospects for 2006 and beyond

The Treasurer presented his financial planning. A comprehensive discussion focused on these matters:

- Necessity to formulate Member and Associate requirements.
- Necessity to formulate financial plans and strategies in writing, i.e., beyond the presentation of budget tables.
- Identification and forecast of all sorts of funding, e.g., donations and the motivations of donors, sponsorship form producing reports.
- Identification and identification strategies for further Members and Associate Members, including the establishment of contacts to insurance and reinsurance companies as well as news media.
- Research on the financial aspects of launching scientific publications.

9. Composition of Council

Two Councillors who had served successfully and with great enthusiasm during their two-year term are leaving Council by the end of the year: Rosa Maria Rodriguez (Spanish Societies) and Nikos Prezerakos (HMH). Two new Councillors are invited for two year terms. Furthermore, the representative of RMetS (a Society which has permanent Councillor status), David Axford, resigned from his Councillor post and as his successor the newly elected EMS President, David Burridge was proposed by RMetS. The 7th General Assembly voted as follows:

Resolution G51 – Welcome to David Burridge – (14/0/0).

Resolution G52 – Renato Carvalho – (14/0/0).

Resolution G53 – Tomas Halenka – (14/0/0).

10. Membership within EMS Member Societies

The delegate of the Cyprus Meteorological Association, Artemis Orphanou, distributed a document with a portrait of CY.MET.A. and its activities.

11. Miscellaneous

The delegate of the Meteorological Societies from Italy, Fulvio Stel, presented a "call for portraits". The Bulletin of the Meteorological Society from Friul (UMFVG), *Meteorologica*, presents information about other meteorological and related Societies to their readers. *Meteorologica* appears in Italian; its editorial staff will provide translations of the portraits, which, most probably, will be supplied by the authors in English. Fulvio Stel also remarked that UMFVG is offering to send their descriptions to anyone interested. A second item, briefly touched, was a request to take into consideration if the EMS General Assembly could in the future be held not on a Sunday but on the evening of a weekday.

12. Time and place of the next General Assembly

The 8th General Assembly will take place in Ljubljana, in September 2006 in conjunction with the 6th EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC Conference.

Werner Wehry closed the 7th EMS General Assembly at 17:35

Annex III

Increase Annual Membership Fee



European Meteorological Society

EMS Membership Fees

Background

The EMS was founded in 1999 and the constitution, as adopted by the General Assembly held on 11 July 2000 in Cambridge, states that for an initial period all Member Societies shall pay a contribution of one Euro for each of their individual members. In addition, members were expected to make voluntary contributions according to their capacity.

The contribution of one Euro per individual member of a Member Society has remained static since July 2000. In contrast, the annual inflation in the Eurozone/Europe has been running at an average annual rate of around 2%, which amounts to roughly 13% in total over the last 7 years. It is clear that this has had, and is having, a consequent significant deleterious effect on the activities of the EMS.

Proposal

Following a discussion on this issue at the EMS Council held in Helsinki (9-10 March 2006), the next EMS General Assembly (to be held in Ljubljana on 3 September 2006) is requested to vote on the following proposal:

“As of 1 January 2007, the Membership Fees be increased annually in line with inflation in Europe and the increase will be based on the data available in the *Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices* published by Eurostat.”

The majority required to pass this proposal is two-thirds of Members present at the General Assembly.

Annex IV

Financial Budget 2007

BUDGET 2007Carried forward from 2006 21505.79

	Proposal (€)	Approved (€) by 15 th Council
INCOME		
Income from Members	25 000	25 000
Income from Associate Members	38 000	38 000
Other income	7 000	9 000
Sub-Total Income 2007	70 000	72 000
EXPENDITURE		
Salary Secretary (3/4 +6hr)	46 000	46 000
Tax and social/health insurance		
Banking charges		
Travelling	5 000	7 500
Office costs	1 000	1 000
Honoraries, Fees	2 000	2 000
Awards	6 000	6 000
Printing publications	1 000	1 000
Newsletter (incl. Shipping)	1 000	1 000
Committees		
Accreditation	2 000	1 500
Education	2 000	1 500
Media	2 000	1 500
Meetings	2 000	1 500
Publications	2 000	1 500
Other costs		
Sub-Total Expenditure 2007	72 000	72 000
TOTAL Available during 2007	91505.79	93505.79
BALANCE at end of 2007	<u>19505.79</u>	<u>21505.79</u>

Annex V

Resolutions:

- G54 Approval of Bureau Report September 2005-September 2006 – Clearance
- G55 Approval of the Audit 2004
- G56 Approval of Treasurer Report
- G57 Annual Membership Fee Increase
- G58 Appointment of auditor
- G59 Welcome of AMACA as Member
- G60 Welcome of PTG, Meteorological Section as Member
- G61 Welcome of the Instituto Nacional de Meteorología as Associate Member
- G62 Welcome of the National Meteorological Administration as Associate Member
- G63 Welcoming of the Finnish Meteorological Institute as Associate Member
- G64 New Councillor Vittorio Marletto (AIAM, UNIMET, Italy)
- G65 New Councillor Vesna Petkovic (MDS, Serbia)
- G66 New Councillor Heleen ter Pelkwijk (NVBM, The Netherlands)
- G67 New Councillor Raino Heino (GS, Finland)
- G68 New Councillor Claude Pastre (SMF, France)

RESOLUTION G54

This General Assembly approves the Bureau report for the period September 2005-September 2006.

RESOLUTION G55

This General Assembly approves the Audit for the year 2004.

RESOLUTION G56

This General Assembly approves the Financial Report 2005 of the Treasurer.

RESOLUTION G57

As of 1 January 2007, the Membership Fees be increased annually in line with inflation in Europe and the increase will be based on the data available in the *Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices* published by Eurostat.

RESOLUTION G58

This General Assembly appoints Frank Lucas as the auditor for 2006.

RESOLUTION G59

This General Assembly welcomes the ASSOCIACIÓ DE METEOROLOGIA I CIÈNCIES DE L'ATMOSFERA D'ANDORRRA as new EMS Member.

RESOLUTION G60

This General Assembly welcomes the Meteorological Section of the Polish Geophysical Society (PTG) as new EMS Member.

RESOLUTION G61

This General Assembly welcomes the Instituto Nacional de Meteorología as a new EMS Associate Member.

RESOLUTION G62

This General Assembly welcomes the National Meteorological Administration as a new EMS Associate Member.

RESOLUTION G63

This General Assembly welcomes the Finnish Meteorological Institute as a new EMS Associate Member.

RESOLUTION G64

This General Assembly decides to invite Vittorio Marletto, AIAM, for UNIMET, Italy, as a new Councillor for the term autumn 2006 – autumn 2008.

RESOLUTION G65

This General Assembly decides to invite Vesna Petkovic, MDS, Serbia, as a new Councillor for the term autumn 2006 – autumn 2008.

RESOLUTION G66

This General Assembly decides to invite Heleen ter Pelkwijk, NVBM, The Netherlands, as a Councillor for the term autumn 2006 – autumn 2008.

RESOLUTION G67

This General Assembly decides to invite Raino Heino, GS, Finland, as a Councillor for the term autumn 2006 – autumn 2008.

RESOLUTION G68

This General Assembly welcomes Claude Pastre, SMF, France, as the new Councillor for the Société Météorologique de France.